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BARNARD CASTLE

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
43, Galgate,
Barnard Castle.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the annual report for the year 1961.

Dr. Paley concluded his long service with this Council on 8th July, 1961. Dr. Dawson, of Cotherstone, then acted as Medical Officer of Health until 30th September, and my own experience of this post began on 1st October, 1961.

I have retained the general form of the Report in keeping with previous years and my first impressions are that in terms of the statistics relating to the public health for the year, this is a healthy district in which to live.

The estimated mid-year population of this district is subject to variation in respect of troop movements and, is 2,070 less than in 1960. This accounts to some extent for fluctuations in annual statistics.

411 cases of measles were notified to this district office during the year but no cases of poliomyelitis, diphtheria or food poisoning were reported. Six new cases of respiratory tuberculosis and one non-respiratory case were notified, but there were no deaths from tuberculosis in 1961.

I would thank the Members of the Council for the help, information and encouragement so freely offered to me since I joined the Staff. I would also thank the Health Department staff for the considerable help given in the preparation of this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. M. WILSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health:

A. S. M. WILSON, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H.

Senior Public Health Officer:

JOHN GEORGE MIDDLETON, M.S.R.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

Public Health Inspector:

GEOFFREY NUTTER, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk to the Public Health Department:

JOE HODGSON.

The post of Medical Officer of Health is part-time, forming an apportionment of a Joint Appointment by the Area Health Sub-Committee. Approximately one and a half days each week are spent in the service of this Council and one half day with the Urban District Council. The balance of the weekly work is carried out for the County Council in administrative and clinical duties. The latter includes child welfare and school health work.

The day-to-day running of the Health Department is in the hands of the Senior Public Health Officer, assisted by the Public Health Inspector.

General Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area (Acreage)—110,118.

Population (Registrar General's Estimated Figure mid-year 1961)—16,810.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£487 18s. 5d.

Rateable Value as at 1-4-61—£139,700.

The chief industries are agriculture, coal mining and stone quarrying.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

I am indebted to Miss Redfern, Forest-in-Teesdale, for supplying rainfall figures in the Upper Teesdale area during the past five years:—

Rainfall at Latitude 54° 39' North. Upper Teesdale.

Month.	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January ...	7.02	3.21	3.64	6.51	6.47
February ...	4.77	5.98	0.63	3.72	5.78
March ...	3.80	2.26	1.69	1.95	2.88
April ...	0.61	1.80	2.89	2.48	4.01
May ...	2.84	4.92	0.77	2.58	3.12
June ...	1.45	4.10	1.66	1.32	1.98
July ...	4.45	4.68	2.17	4.92	6.48
August ...	7.55	3.39	0.58	3.19	4.47
September ...	4.71	4.16	0.31	2.62	4.55
October ...	5.13	3.17	3.54	8.08	8.11
November ...	3.14	0.76	6.08	6.01	3.82
December ...	5.87	4.51	6.78	5.51	7.01

Total Rainfall for the Year ending 31st December, 1961:
58.68 inches.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

		Total	Males	Females
LIVE BIRTHS.	Legitimate)	(	114	125
	)	243	(	
	Illegitimate)	(	1	3

Live-birth Rate—14.5 per 1,000 home population.

Adjusted Rate—15.7 per 1,000 home population.

Corresponding Rate for England and Wales—17.4 per 1,000 home population.

		Total	Males	Females
STILL-BIRTHS.	Legitimate)	(	3	1
	)	4	(	
	Illegitimate)	(	0	0

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 home population—0.24.

		Total	Males	Females
DEATHS		211	118	93

Death-rate per 1,000 home population—12.6.

Adjusted Rate—14.4.

For England and Wales—12.00 per 1,000 home population.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR.				Males	Females
Total	...	...	...	5	0
Legitimate	...	...	...	5	0
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.				Males	Females
Total	...	...	...	3	0
Legitimate	...	...	...	3	0
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE.

				Males	Females
Total	...	...	...	3	0
Legitimate	...	...	...	3	0
Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

All Infants per 1,000 live-births	...	...	...	...	21.00
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	21.60

CAUSES OF DEATH.				Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis—Respiratory System	...			0	0	0
Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...		0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	1	0	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	1	0	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	0	0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...			0	0	0
Cancer (all types)	...	...	...	14	22	36
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	2	2	4
Diabetes	...	...	...	0	3	3
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...			17	22	39
Coronary Disease. Angina	...	...		39	12	51
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...			0	2	2
Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	8	10	18
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...		11	7	18
Influenza	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	2	4	6
Bronchitis	...	...	...	4	3	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...			0	0	0
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...			0	0	0
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	...	...		0	0	0
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	2	0	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	4	0	4
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	...			0	0	0
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	2	0	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...			5	4	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	2	0	2
All other Accidents	...	...	...	2	1	3
Suicide	...	...	...	1	1	2
Homicide and Operations of War	...			1	0	1
				118	93	211

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Laboratories are available at Northallerton and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Laboratory is situated in the General Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Facilities are also provided at Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Pathological Department, for urgent bacteriological examinations.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer's Ambulance Department, Durham, for the following statements relating to the working of the Ambulance Service.

Barnard Castle urban and rural districts are served by two ambulance depots, two ambulances and four driver-attendants.

Summary of work done by vehicles stationed in the urban and rural districts.

		Journeys	Stretcher cases	Sitting cases	Total cases	Mileage
1960	...	1,185	609	4,741	5,350	67,706
1961	...	1,055	506	4,511	5,017	62,835

In addition to the above, patients residing in the urban and rural districts are also conveyed by vehicles from neighbouring depots and by the Darlington Ambulance Service, as occasion demands. Records are not maintained in sanitary district order and information regarding these cases cannot be conveniently supplied.

HOME NURSING AND MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

Under Section 25 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the provision of a Home Nursing Service became the responsibility of the Local Health Authorities as from the 5th July, 1948. The agreement concluded with the Durham County Nursing Association, whereby the Durham County Council delegated this aspect of their functions to the Association, ceased to exist on 1st April, 1954, and the County Council took over direct administration from this date.

Direct control was also assumed by the County Council of the arrangements made for the provision of a domiciliary midwife service.

Both services are available free of charge.

Staff: 7 District Nurse Midwives.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	TELEPHONE NO.
Miss A. V. Dunn,	4, Kensington Terrace, Cockfield.	Cockfield 280.
Miss L. Earle,	9, Cassell Bank, Middleton-in-Teesdale.	Middleton-in-Teesdale 357.
Miss M. Furlong,	Valley View, 73, Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland.	West Auckland 302.
Miss E. Shenton,	13, Eden Crest, Gainford.	Gainford 247.
Mrs. V. M. Slack,	Garden House, Copley, Butterknowle.	Cockfield 254.
Mrs. E. Walls,	'Dilk Hush,' 57, Gordon Lane, Ramshaw, Evenwood.	West Auckland 264.
Mrs. M. Walker,	West End, Ingleton.	Gainford 288.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

No. of Midwifery and Maternity Cases ...	120
No. of Hospital patients discharged before the 14th day	38

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

Cases	Patients	Visits
Medical ...	260	9,061
Surgical ...	63	1,513
Tuberculosis ...	8	614
Grand Total	331	11,188
Cases included in the above total who were 65 years of age or over ...	60%	51%
Cases included in the above total who were under 5 years of age ...	less than 1%	less than 1%

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Child Welfare Centres administered by the Durham County Council are held at Butterknowle, Cockfield, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Staindrop, and Witton Park. Temporary School Clinics are provided at Evenwood C.E. School and Butterknowle County School. Weekly sessions, attended by an Acting School Nurse, are held at these clinics.

HOSPITALS, PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY.

Cases of infectious diseases requiring hospital treatment are sent to one of the hospitals controlled by the South-West Durham Hospital Management Committee. There are no hospitals in the district.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. WATER. Supplies from the Tees Valley Water Board and Durham County Water Board were again satisfactory as regards quality and quantity.

I append below the results of samples taken during the year of water supplies controlled by the Council:—

COCKFIELD.

Samples taken	Results
7- 3-61	Class I.
15- 6-61 (Wackerfield)	Class IV.
19- 6-61	Class III.
19- 6-61 (2) (Wackerfield)	Class IV.
12- 7-61 (Wackerfield)	Class I.
12- 7-61 (2)	Class I.
6-10-61	Class IV.
13-10-61	Class I.
26-10-61	Class I.

WOODLAND AND COPLEY.

7- 3-61	Class II.
19- 6-61	Class IV.
6-10-61	Class IV.
6-10-61 (Copley)	Class IV.
13-10-61	Class IV.
13-10-61 (Copley)	Class III.
26-10-61	Class IV.
26-10-61 (Copley)	Class III.

EGGLESTON.

7- 3-61	Class I.
19- 6-61	Class I.
4- 8-61	Class I.
6-10-61	Class IV.
13-10-61	Class IV.
26-10-61	Class I.

NEWBIGGIN-IN-TEESDALE.

7- 3-61	Class I.
19- 6-61	Class III.
4- 8-61	Class IV.
6-10-61	Class IV.
13-10-61	Class III.
26-10-61	Class IV.

STAINTON.

7- 3-61	Class II.
15- 6-61	Class I.
4- 8-61	Class II.
26-10-61	Class I.

MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE.

7- 3-61	Class I.
15- 6-61	Class IV.
19- 6-61 (3)	Class IV.
6-10-61	Class I.
26-10-61	Class III.

EXTENSION TO MARWOOD.

The extension of the main from Folly Top to Marwood was completed in the month of March.

REGROUPING OF WATER UNDERTAKINGS.

April 1st, 1962, was the date fixed for the taking over of the Council's water supplies. The Durham County Water Board will then be responsible for the Woodland supply and the whole of the Cockfield undertaking, and the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board the remainder.

WATER SHORTAGES.

No water shortages occurred in the area during the year.

Particulars of Dwelling Houses supplied from Public Water Mains.

Parish.		Present Estimated Population.	No. of Houses.	Supply in House.	Stand Pipe.
Bolam	...	81	32	29	—
Cleatlam	...	108	29	25	1
Cockfield	...	2059	727	718	2
Eggleston	...	414	170	116	—
Forest and Frith	...	384	117	24	2
Gainford	...	798	336	314	—
Hamsterley	...	366	133	94	2
Hilton	...	76	20	10	6
Headlam	...	75	26	24	—
Evenwood	...	3091	1120	1102	2
Etherley	...	1835	660	641	2
Ingleton	...	366	121	116	1
Langleydale	...	139	36	16	1
Langton	...	94	21	19	1
Lynesack	...	1826	579	560	4
Marwood	...	299	100	85	1
Morton Timmouth	...	25	5	4	1
Middleton-in-Teesdale		1602	600	526	62
Newbiggin	...	244	83	42	15
Raby and Keverstone	...	224	58	20	2
Staindrop	...	1209	439	414	11
Streatlam & Stainton	...	315	94	70	—
South Bedburn	...	255	78	—	—
Wackerfield	...	82	29	29	—
Westwick	...	117	25	24	—
Whorlton	...	213	72	59	1
Winston	...	474	133	118	1
Woodland	...	351	120	118	1

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

HEADLAM.

The sewerage system and sewage disposal works were completed during the month of September. Meetings took place between the Council's officials and the agent for the Raby Estates with a view to having various properties improved by way of grant.

EGGLESTON.

The sewage disposal works were completed during the month of October.

WHORLTON.

The design of the proposed works was revised during the year. It is now proposed to pump the sewage over Whorlton Dell to a new site to the east of the village.

BOLAM.

A provisional survey of the proposed new sewerage system and sewage disposal works was commenced during the year by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

GAINFORD.

The Engineer and Surveyor carried out preliminary work in connection with the design of the proposed new works.

3. PRIVY CONVERSIONS.

During the year ended 31st December, 1961, 17 individual grants were approved by the Council for privy conversions.

Total number of water-closets in District	...	...	4890
Total number of ash-closets in District	...	...	1319
Total number of ash-pit privies in District	...	...	4

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The greater part of the area is covered by direct labour. Scavenging is undertaken by Karrier Bantam motor vehicles. Two small areas which are not suitable for motor transport are let by contract.

Number of vehicles—9.

Number of full-time employees:—

Foreman Mechanic	...	1
Assistant Mechanic	...	1
Driver Fillers	...	7
Fillers	...	8
Bulldozer Driver	...	1

An average of 7 additional casual fillers were employed throughout the year.

Number of garages—2 (one owned by the Council and one rented).

Number of Scavenging Areas—7.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE.

Number of bins, closets, etc., emptied	306,479
Number of loads of refuse collected	4,868
Estimated tonnage of refuse removed	9,500
Number of miles travelled by vehicles	36,024
Number of gallons of petrol used	4,228
Number of pints of oil used	192

CONTROLLED TIPPING.

During the year the David Brown bulldozer was in use on the Council's refuse tips except when engaged on rechargeable work or when the driver's services were required on public cleansing.

Two rechargeable jobs were carried out in the year amounting to £142 13s. 10d.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Following is a summary of the work done in the Public Health Inspector's Department during the year 1961:—

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	No. of Informal Notices served.	No. of Statutory Notices served.	Defects remedied after Notice.
Housing:			
Public Health & Housing Acts	24	3	18
Overcrowding	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:			
Insufficient and Defective	16	—	—
Drainage	14	4	14
Water Supply	1	—	1
Food Premises	—	—	—
Shops Act	—	—	—
Dairies	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses:			
Public	—	—	—
Private	—	—	—
Tents, Vans, etc.	1	—	1
Factories and Workplaces	—	—	—
Keeping of Animals	—	1	1
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles	—	—	—
Offensive accumulations	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances	—	—	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1948	1	—	1
Dangerous Buildings	4	1	4
Petroleum Regs.	52	—	50
General Nuisances	—	—	—
Total	113	9	90

**Statement of the number and nature of inspections made during
the year by the Public Health Inspectors' Department.**

A. GENERAL SANITATION.						No. of Visits.
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	75
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	405
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	4
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	90
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	31
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	405
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	46
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	...	...	...	...	...	45
Sanitary Accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	78
Petrol Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	121
Smoke Observation	...	...	...	...	...	29
Stables and Piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	10
B. HOUSING.						
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.						
Number of houses inspected)	...	...	...	...	...	97
Visits paid to above houses)	...	...	...	...	...	
HOUSING ACTS.						
Number of houses inspected)	...	...	...	...	...	591
Visits paid to above houses)	...	...	...	...	...	
MISCELLANEOUS HOUSING VISITS	...	...	...	...	...	244
OVERCROWDING.						
Number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	1
Filthy and verminous premises	...	...	...	...	...	16
COUNCIL HOUSE REPAIRS	...	...	...	...	...	1552
C. INFECTIOUS DISEASES						2
D. MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.						
Visits to Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection						
Visits	...	...	...	...	...	744
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	29
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	2
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	41
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous Food Visits	...	...	...	...	...	4
Food Preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	...	18
Street Vendors	...	...	...	...	...	7
Knackers Yards	...	...	...	...	...	4
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	4

6. DISINFESTATION.

RODENT CONTROL.

During the year 63 visits were made to infestations in private dwellings and 24 visits for rechargeable treatments in connection with farms and business premises.

The Council's refuse tips and sewage works were treated on 50 and 48 occasions respectively, and in addition the routine baiting of the sewers in your area was carried out.

Once again the Rodent Operator has filled vacancies in the Public Cleansing Department caused by illness and holidays, but an effort has been made to deal with complaints promptly.

7. FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises.	No. on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	12	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	44	23	5	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	9	4	—	—
Total	65	33	5	—

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

Particulars.			Referred		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Sanitary Conveniences—Found, Remedied					
(a) Insufficient ...	2	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	3	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—

OUTWORK.

No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110(1) (c)—One.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1957.

As in previous years a monthly investigation of atmospheric pollution and deposited matter in the vicinity of Evenwood Coke Ovens and Randolph Colliery was carried out.

I give below the monthly average readings of the grit deposit gauges for the year:—

Deposit Gauge Bowl No. D1293.	Tons per sq. mile.
West View, Evenwood	15.48
Deposit Gauge Bowl No. D2077.	
Steel's Field, Evenwood	47.23

These readings show a slight variation from those noted for the previous year when the West View Gauge showed a deposit of 18.97 tons per square mile and the Steel's Field Gauge 33.35 tons per square mile.

The readings, as noted, continue to be satisfactory, and the variation may be attributed to the variable wind direction during the year.

HOUSING.

Year Ending 31st December, 1961.

Dwellings completed during year—1961.

	A.P. Bungalows
Copley	6
Gainford	4
Ingleton	4
Middleton-in-Teesdale	4
Woodland	8
	—
Total ...	26

Statement of Housing Situation at 31st December, 1961.

Location.	Houses.	Bungalows.	Flats.	Total.	Approved
Bolam ...	3	—	—	3	—
Butterknowle ...	4	8	—	12	—
Cockfield ...	103	18	40	161	—
Copley ...	8	6	—	14	—
Eggleson ...	—	—	—	—	2
Etherley ...	78	6	20	104	—
Evenwood ...	202	20	36	258	—
Gainford ...	86	10	—	96	—
Hamsterley ...	6	—	—	6	2
Ingleton ...	30	4	—	34	—
Middleton-in-Teesdale	79	4	—	83	4
Ramshaw ...	—	2	—	2	—
Toft Hill ...	—	2	—	2	—
Staindrop ...	80	—	12	92	—
Stainton ...	10	—	—	10	—
Whorlton ...	4	—	—	4	—
Winston ...	6	—	—	6	—
Woodland ...	12	8	—	20	8
Totals ...	711	88	108	907	20

Building by Private Enterprise.

Twenty-three private dwellings were completed and occupied during the year.

Improvements Grants. Housing Acts 1949/59.

The table below shows the number of standard and discretionary improvement grants dealt with by the Council.

	Number of Separate Houses	
	Discretionary Grant.	Standard Grant.
(a) Applications submitted during 1961 ...	84	10
(b) Applications rejected ...	—	—
(c) Total number of applications approved ...	485	12
(d) Total number of grants paid	405	5

Moveable Dwellings. Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

The above Act introduced a new licensing system operated by district councils, and strengthened the power of the local planning authority in relation to Caravans.

A survey of the area was made early in the year when it was found that there were 49 caravan sites of varying size in the rural district. At the end of the year planning approval had been granted for 15 separate sites and 3 licences were issued by the Council for sites which had been improved to the standard required by the Act.

Housing Act, 1957.

Statement of properties in Confirmed Clearance Orders at 31st December, 1961.

No. of Order.	Date of Order.	Situation.	No. of houses in Order.	No. demol-ished.	No. vacant.	No. occupied.
7	18/ 4/39	Magdalene Pl., Woodland ...	2	—	2	—
10	18/ 4/39	Quarry Houses, Toft Hill ...	2	—	2	—
14	18/ 4/39	Crake Scar, Woodland ...	3	—	2	1
16	18/ 4/39	Garforth Pond, Marwood ...	3	—	3	—
18	18/ 4/39	Brookside, Staindrop ...	6	3	2	1
19	19/ 4/39	Brown's Bldgs, Ingleton ...	4	4	—	—
1/56	3/ 5/57	Oaks, Evenwood ...	34	34	—	—
3/56	26/ 6/57	Draff Yard, Cockfield ...	10	10	—	—
4/56	26/ 6/57	School Square, Cockfield ...	3	3	—	—
5/56	26/ 6/57	Esperley, Cockfield ...	6	6	—	—
6/57	20/12/57	Low Lands, Cockfield ...	5	—	4	1
7/57	3/ 4/58	The Green, Evenwood ...	4	4	—	—
8/57	3/ 4/58	Stones End, Evenwood ...	4	—	4	—
9/57	3/ 4/58	Swan Street, Evenwood ...	4	4	—	—
10/57	3/ 4/58	Thrushwood, Evenwood ...	6	6	—	—
11/58	7/ 4/59	The Green, Gainford ...	10	10	—	—
11/60	6/ 7/60	Grieveson Pl., Woodland ...	20	—	12	8
2/60	4/ 5/61	5-9, Highland Laddie ...	5	—	4	1
3/60	4/ 5/61	Burns Lane, Etherley ...	3	—	—	3
4/60	4/ 5/61	Church Square, Etherley ...	4	—	—	4
5/60	4/ 5/61	Belts Gill, Etherley ...	2	—	—	2
6/60	4/ 5/61	45, 45a, Toft Hill ...	2	—	—	2
7/60	4/ 5/61	69, 71, Toft Hill ...	2	—	—	2
8/60	4/ 5/61	75-81 Toft Hill ...	4	—	1	3
9/60	4/ 5/61	268-271 Toft Hill ...	3	—	3	—
10/60	4/ 5/61	292, 294, Toft Hill ...	2	—	2	—
11/60	4/ 5/61	Quarry Heads, Toft Hill ...	8	—	2	6
1/61	28/11/61	Draff Yard, Cockfield ...	18	—	—	18

Houses Occupied Under Licence.

1 (18, Hude, Middleton-in-Teesdale).

Individual Unfit Houses still occupied.

Osborne House, Staindrop.
11, 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 32, 38, The Slack, Butterknowle.
Wham Farm Cottage, Butterknowle.
Leazes Cottage, Etherley.
Cross Cottage, Bildersshaw.
238, Toft Hill.
14, Jubilee Terrace, Evenwood.
18, Hude, Middleton-in-Teesdale.
14, Blue Houses, Bildersshaw.
246, Toft Hill.
13, Stones End, Evenwood.

Individual Unfit Houses Vacant. (Closing and Demolition Orders)

1, 2, 3, Rednire Cottages, Bildersshaw.
3, 9, The Mill, Evenwood.
Church Bank, Eggleston.
5, Fell Houses, Cockfield.
4, 5, Brasses Houses, Butterknowle.
35, Gordon Lane, Raushaw, Evenwood.
28, 29, 30, 31, 37, 39, The Slack, Butterknowle.
15, 16, Front Street, Copley.
13, Accrington Terrace, Evenwood.
Westmorland House, Gainford.
12, Stones End, Evenwood.
1, 2, 3, New Moors, Evenwood.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

First Year Programme. (65 houses.)

The three houses in the School Square, Cockfield, Clearance Area, have now been demolished, and the programme is now completed.

Second Year Programme. (43 houses.)

The Stones End, Evenwood, properties await demolition, one tenant remaining in occupation of an individual unfit house which adjoins the area. When this tenant is re-housed demolition of the properties can begin.

One aged tenant remains in occupation in the Low Lands Clearance Area.

Demolition Orders.

The following properties were demolished during the year :
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Low Wham, Butterknowle.

1, 2, Sun Inn Cottages, Wackerfield.

15, 16, 17, 18, 25, The Slack, Butterknowle.

Properties vacant and awaiting demolition are as follows:

15, 16, Front Street, Copley.

9, The Mill, Evenwood.

Third Year Programme. (63 houses.)

The ten houses in The Green, Gainford, Clearance Area were demolished during the year and the site sold for private development.

Eight aged persons bungalows were completed in Woodland and utilised for the re-housing of persons from the Grieveson Place, Woodland, Clearance Area. A further eight tenants await re-housing before demolition can commence.

Fourth Year Programme. (42 houses.)

Confirmation without modification of the following Clearance Orders was received during the year.

5—9, Highland Laddie, Bildershaw.

1—3, Burns Lane, Etherley.

4—7, Church Square, Etherley.

1—2, Belts Gill, Etherley.

45 and 45a, Toft Hill.

69 and 71, Toft Hill.

75—81, Toft Hill.

268, 270 and 272, Toft Hill. (Vacant.)

292 and 294, Toft Hill. (Vacant.)

3, 4, 5, 5a, 6, 7, 8, 9, Quarry Heads, Toft Hill.

Rehousing.

Two tenants were re-housed from the Highland Laddie Clearance Area and one from 75, Toft Hill.

Demolition Orders.

Westmorland House, Gainford, and 12, Stones End, Evenwood, became vacant during the year.

Closing orders were substituted by demolition orders on the properties 10 and 11, Raby Street, Evenwood, and the houses demolished.

Fifth Year Programme. (31 houses.)

Clearance Area.

The Draff Yard, Cockfield, Clearance Area was confirmed on 28th November, 1961. The Area comprises 18 houses all of which are occupied.

Stone Row, Butterknowle.

Preparations were made for the presentation to the Council of this proposed Clearance Area early in 1962.

Demolition Orders.

These were made as follows:—

Bandroom, Staindrop.

14, Blue Houses, Bildershaw.

Cross Cottage, Bildershaw.

Undertaking not to re-let.

These were accepted in respect of the following:—

246, Toft Hill.

238, Toft Hill.

Blacketts Cottage, East Park, Etherley.

Leazes Cottage, Etherley.

Housing Act 1957. Section 2.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 2/60.

A survey of the district was commenced in accordance with the above circular, and it was anticipated that a list of properties deemed to require attention by way of improvement or demolition would be completed and presented to the Council early in 1962.

8. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

Milk Supplies only. Samples are submitted to the Agricultural Department, King's College Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to the Public Health Laboratories, Northallerton.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949 to 1954. SECTION 20.

During the year no samples of milk were taken but tests are made regularly by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS.

There was one retailer-manufacturer, and 69 retailers registered in the district at the end of the year.

No samples were taken during the year but it may be noted that all retailers in the area now sell pre-packed ice cream.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS.

No cases of suspected food poisoning were reported during the year.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

Inspections were made of food premises during the year by the Public Health Inspectors.

Public Health Meat Regulations.

The nine licensed slaughter-houses in the area have been regularly visited for the purpose of meat inspection. All animals slaughtered are examined before being passed as fit for human consumption. This 100% system of meat inspection has meant that the Public Health Inspectors were called upon to make visits outside normal office hours and on Sundays. It is not anticipated that the position will improve next year when the number of licensed slaughter-houses is reduced to five, as those continuing are the main butchers in your area, and those who regularly kill outside normal working hours.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958. SECTION 3.

The Slaughter-houses Report as submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was confirmed without modification and the appointed day by which all slaughter-houses in the area were to comply with the new standards was declared to be 1st January, 1962.

By the end of the year the five licensees now remaining had carried out the necessary improvements to their slaughter-houses and in each case the premises can be considered to be of a very high standard.

FURTHER APPLICATIONS.

In the month of December, Mr. G. Thompson, of Hamsterley, and Mrs. J. Dickinson, of Toft Hill, made application for the re-licensing of their slaughter-houses. These were considered to be new applications and as such were to be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

MEAT INSPECTION SUMMARY.

The following table shows the number of animals killed, inspected and found unfit for human consumption at Private Slaughterhouses in the area during the year. It will be noted that for the first time none of the cattle examined was found to be affected with tuberculosis. This emphasises the success of the tuberculosis eradication programme of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The following table shows the number of animals killed, inspected and found unfit for human consumption at Private Slaughterhouses in the area during the year:—

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed (if known)	1207	279	16	2801	779	—
Number Inspected	1207	279	16	2801	779	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	nil	nil	nil	1	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	98	43	—	24	22	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	8.2	15.4	—	0.85	2.8	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	nil	nil	nil	nil	16	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	2.05	—
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	nil	nil	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

POLIOMYELITIS.

DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION.

Protection against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus is available from family doctors and at child welfare centres.

The total number of children who received a primary course of protection against diphtheria either singly or in combination during the year was 282, as follows:

Under 4 years on 31-12-61.	5-14 on 31-12-61.	Total under 15.
204	78	282
Boosters given under the same age groups were:		
2	79	81

POLIOMYELITIS.

It is satisfactory to note that no cases occurred during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION SCHEME.

During the year vaccination continued to be available to all persons up to the age of 40 years, and to certain priority groups over that age. Most children are now vaccinated by their family doctors, but facilities are available at child welfare centres and school clinics, should the parents so desire. The response is satisfactory in children of school age, but not so good in the higher age groups.

The following figures indicate the different age groups vaccinated in the combined urban/rural district scheme during the year.

Primary course of two injections between 1-1-61 and 31-12-61.

Children born 1943-1961	...	...	495
Young persons born 1932-1942	...	...	137
Those born before 1932 but			
not over 40 years of age	...	...	318
Priority groups	...	...	25
Total			975

By 31-12-61 a total of 5,521 persons had received a third injection since the inception of the scheme and four injections had been received by 1,002 persons.

B.C.G. VACCINATION.

During 1961 the County Council continued to offer protection against tuberculosis to all school children over 12 years of age.

A skin test is carried out first and negative reactors, those who have not developed any immunity of their own, are vaccinated.

The following figures show the extent of the work during the year.

School.	Positive Reactors.	Negative Reactors Vaccinated.
Staindrop C.E. Mixed ...	6	26
Cockfield C.E. ...	7	27
Butterknowle C.E. ...	4	11
	—	—
Total ...	17	64

Sometimes it is not possible to vaccinate certain negative reactors because of intercurrent infection, recent immunisation of a different nature or the state of some skin conditions, but every effort is made to deal with these children at a subsequent session or before they will leave school.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during recent years.

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Scarlet Fever ...	4	5	—	4	3
Erysipelas ...	2	1	2	1	—
Ac. Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia ...	16	20	17	12	12
Measles ...	358	6	184	7	411
Whooping Cough ...	68	33	7	21	1
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis:					
Paralytic ...	1	2	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	1	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	2	—	—	2
Dysentery ...	5	11	—	—	2
Typhoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers ...	—	2	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	—	1	—	—	—

Tuberculosis.

Six new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year; three males aged 65, 57 and 37 respectively, and three females aged 73, 60 and 29 respectively. One case of non-respiratory tuberculosis occurred in a female aged 25 years.

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred during 1961.

